

**Thank you VERY much for the site tour!**

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All, Thank you all very much for your time and energy getting us organized, to the sites, and presenting some of the very involved work that has been done on mine sites in the watershed. We thought it was an extremely productive day and was great to hear about and see the progress being made in the watershed. My managers were very impressed with all the work that the stakeholders and other volunteers have done, although they recognize that more work is needed with some of the more challenging sites. EPA wants to continue conversations with the ARSG and community regarding how to best support getting to the same endpoint of improved water quality and habitat. They are also wondering if there might be a way for EPA to assist Bill in getting his vast mine site reclamation and re-vegetation knowledge out to more people, e.g., EPA and State Remedial Project Managers and others reclaiming mine-impacted lands. Something to explore....

On another note, since Bill Schroeder was very busy with his field season this year and cannot keep up with making new spreadsheets and charts of our data, I have been having all the water quality data we have collected since 2009 put into a database called "Scribe." Marty McComb, the region's data guru, is very fond of the utility of this Access-based database and it is easy to export data into Excel sheets and such. I know ARSG is married to an existing database, but I have only hit dead ends as far as putting EPA-funded data into ARSG format. If there is any interest, I believe that I could get the ARSG access to Scribe. Since your data manipulation abilities are much better than mine, I imagine it could be very useful to you in a short period of time.

I am hoping to have a sampling and analysis plan out for review in the next 2-3 weeks. It will have a very short turn around to get comments because I would like to keep up the momentum and get the work done this fall. I would appreciate getting your input on that document, or if you don't have the time or need to review it, just let me know by the due date I send out with it.

If you want to discuss any questions or concerns you have, please don't hesitate to call or email any of us.

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